

August 2, 2010

Regional Strategies/Partnerships for Research and Economic Development Committee

Goals

- Plan to dramatically increase the leveraging of private and federal research funding by Virginia's colleges and universities;
- Coordination with development of a Virginia Energy Institute and other energy-related research initiatives;
- Coordination with the Office of Commerce and Trade to develop region-specific strategies and partnerships through which public and private colleges and community colleges participate actively in economic development, workforce training, development of research parks, and related activities; and
- Identification of funding streams through which financial incentives for regional collaboration and public-private partnerships may be introduced.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, August 16- Blacksburg, Virginia Tech Campus, 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Agenda items will include -
 - Focus on leveraging private, federal, and state resources
 - Ex: Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center
 - Intellectual property process, opportunities, and challenges
 - State and federal relationships for research
 - Models for regional collaboration and public-partnerships
 - Regional entrepreneurship/economic development strategies
 - Institute for Advanced Learning and Research

Meeting #3

- Wednesday, September 8-Harrisonburg-11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- University of Virginia federal resources panel
- Private institution research strengths
- Regional collaboration models
- Overview of Governor McDonnell's Energy Priorities
- Discussion of draft recommendations

Timeline

- September 10-draft recommendations due
- October 12-Full Commission Meeting (Richmond)
- November 30-interim report due
- December TBD-Full Commission Meeting (Richmond)